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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Contract with TRW, Inc.

REFERENCES : a. DDS&T Memo to DCI dtd 20 May 77, subject:  
TRW Contract Termination  
b. DDA Memo to DCI dtd 15 June 77, subject:  
Contract with TRW, Inc. (DD/A 77-3479)

1. Action Requested: This memorandum contains a recommendation that you approve the obligation of FY-77 funds to extend an existing contract with TRW, Inc., for technical support of the General Information Management System (GIMS).

2. Background: Reference b. listed above is attached and contains the request that is included in this memorandum. Reference b. was returned to me with the following portion underlined by the Director:

"The scope of work under the present contract has exceeded our original estimate". . . .

along with the following questions:

"Why? Did we underestimate needs  
Did TRW underestimate needs  
Did TRW overrun on costs by 20%"

3. Staff Position: The scope of work under the present contract has exceeded our original estimate mainly because of the enhancements needed to support the COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS). The CAMS Initial Operational Capability (IOC) date was also delayed by a slippage of the operational date of one of the reconnaissance systems CAMS supports. This slippage affected the TRW contract as follows:

- a. The staffing of the TRW contractor contingent had been deliberately front-end loaded based on an expected October 1976 IOC date. Because of the diversified areas of expertise needed to maintain GIMS software, a relatively large number of contractor personnel was brought on board. They were kept available to provide quick fix response to problems that were anticipated following IOC. A fully loaded operational system was expected to unearth problems not detected during the pre-IOC test phase.
- b. As IOC incrementally slipped until its ultimate realization (we commenced 24 hour service on 16 January 1977), the heavy loading of TRW personnel took its toll on the contract funds. The contract specified a certain number of manhours of support by the contractor and these manhours are being provided. Therefore, there has not been an overrun on costs. TRW personnel have been productively employed on tasks levied by ODP personnel. These tasks were for GIMS enhancements for CAMS, for GIMS enhancements for other users of GIMS software, and for general GIMS maintenance.
- c. CAMS is used by a number of components within the Intelligence Community, is highly visible, and must be available to users almost continuously. Our object has been to provide the most reliable service possible and to respond to requirements for enhancements whenever the enhancements would benefit general GIMS users.

The additional \$40,000 is needed to continue the TRW support through FY-77 and to commence work on additional enhancements and corrections that were finalized recently by ODP personnel. If the funds are not obligated, TRW will cease work and assign their personnel elsewhere. This will lead to degradation of service to Agency and COMIREX management functions.

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4. Recommendation: I recommend that you approve the obligation of \$40,000 to cover an extension of an existing TRW contract for maintenance and enhancement of GIMS.

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[REDACTED] John F. Blake

Att: a/s

APPROVED: [REDACTED]  
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED: [REDACTED]  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Currently, we have a FY-77 contract in the amount of \$199,000 with TRW to maintain and enhance GIMS, and we plan to continue this support in FY-78 at a level of about \$150,000. The scope of work under the present contract has exceeded our original estimate and we need to amend the contract in the amount of \$40,000 to continue the TRW support through FY-77. If we do not amend the contract, TRW will cease work and assign their personnel to other duties.

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In response to your instructions on Reference that no unobligated FY-77 funds be released to TRW, we are holding the \$40,000 contract amendment. Unfortunately, GIMS cannot be continued in operation for long without the support of GIMS-trained personnel and TRW is the only non-government source of such personnel. The result of terminating GIMS support would be a progressive degradation of service to Agency and COMIREX management functions. Also, if our contract runs out and TRW disbands their team, it will be very costly in time and money to train a new group on GIMS. Furthermore, we would most likely be forced to go to TRW for such training because of their unique expertise on GIMS.

3. Staff Position: The Director of Data Processing believes, and I agree, that it is in the best interests of the Agency to continue this contractual relationship with TRW for uninterrupted support of this critical software system.

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John F. Blake

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cc: SPS-2/5,

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Zellmer  
Mr. Blake  
Mr. Gambino  
Mr. Stevens  
Mr. A. Lapham

INFO: Mr. James Taylor

SUBJECT: TRW Contracts

REFERENCE: ADDS&T Memorandum of 20 May 1977 to the DCI  
Subject: TRW Contract Termination

Reference has been returned to the DDCI with the following notes from the Director:

1. Thanks. Very helpful.
2. Please summarize other programs in order of seriousness of impact if cancelled -- Action ADDS&T in coordination with DDA and DDI.
3. Pending further decisions do not:
  - a. Release any unobligated FY 77 funds
  - b. Open any bids to TRW. If bid dates come due, see me.

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<p>Resubmission of Request for DCI Approval of FY 1977 funds release of \$40,000 to TRW for continued support of Computer Software System used by COMIREX.</p> <p>Neither TRW nor CIA undercoordinated needs: there was a delay in IOC of one Intelligence System supported by the Software System. This delay REQUIRED TRW to keep additional people around longer.</p>			
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